

# Kuskokwim River Salmon Assessment Update: 6/13/2017

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## Abbreviations:

- BTF: Bethel Test Fishery
- ATF: Aniak Test Fishery
- CPUE: Catch-per-unit-effort
- EOS: End-of-Season

**To view escapement information, please visit the ADF&G Kuskokwim River Fish Counts page:**

- <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareakuskokwim.salmon#fishcounts>

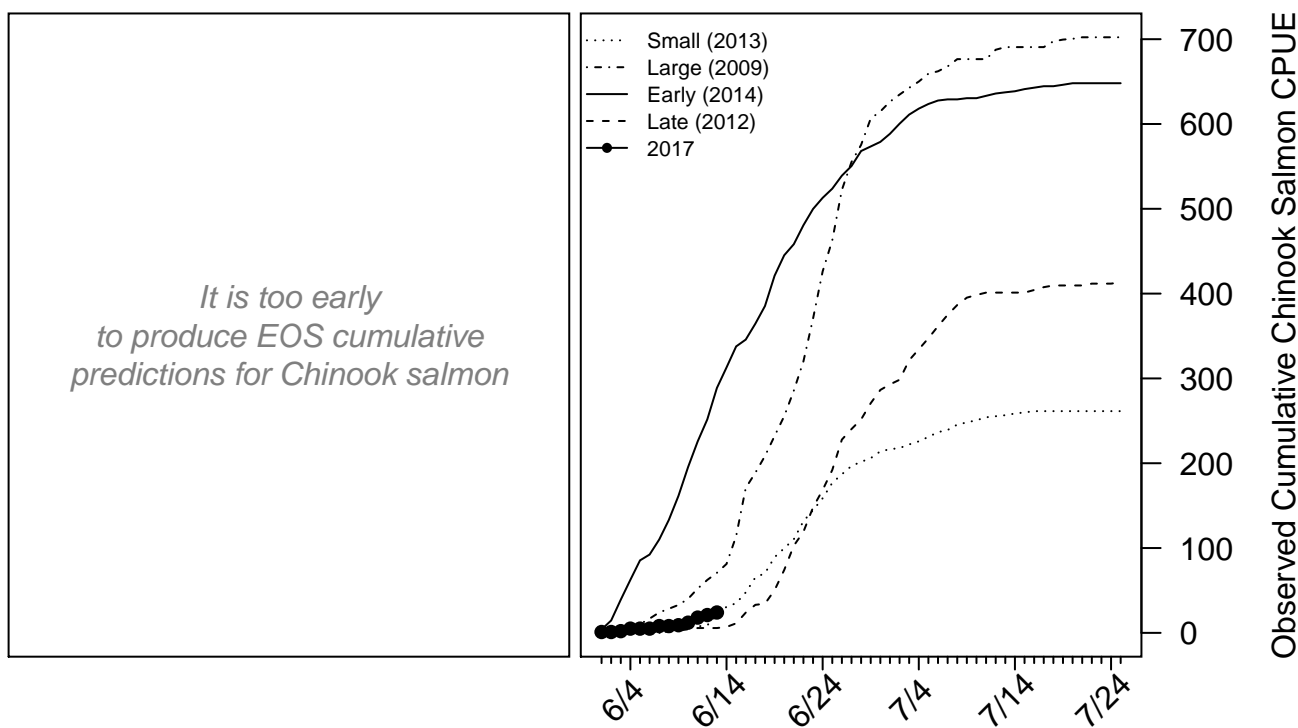
**For the most up-to-date information regarding fishing opportunities please visit:**

- **USFWS:** [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/yukon\\_delta/wildlife\\_and\\_habitat/dailyupdate.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/yukon_delta/wildlife_and_habitat/dailyupdate.html)
- **ADF&G:** [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews\\_mobile.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews_mobile.main)

## Chinook Salmon (6/13)

- The BTF daily CPUE was **3**.
- The BTF cumulative CPUE is **24**.
- **22%** years since 2008 fell below this cumulative CPUE.
- **15%** of the run is complete based on historical average run timing.
- **19%** of the run is complete based on a preliminary run timing forecast (official forecast will be available soon).
- Late run scenarios are considered highly unlikely at this time due to the preliminary timing forecast (1.4 days early).
- **16 - 22%** of the run is expected to pass in the next 5 days.
- Over the last 3 days, Chinook salmon made up **24%** of the BTF catches, compared to **42%** on average.

**Chinook Salmon Figure 1.** *Left:* will show predicted cumulative EOS BTF CPUE according to various run timing scenarios when enough data have been collected. *Right:* The cumulative BTF CPUE from 2017 plotted along with four previous years intended to represent a range of early/late and small/large index values.

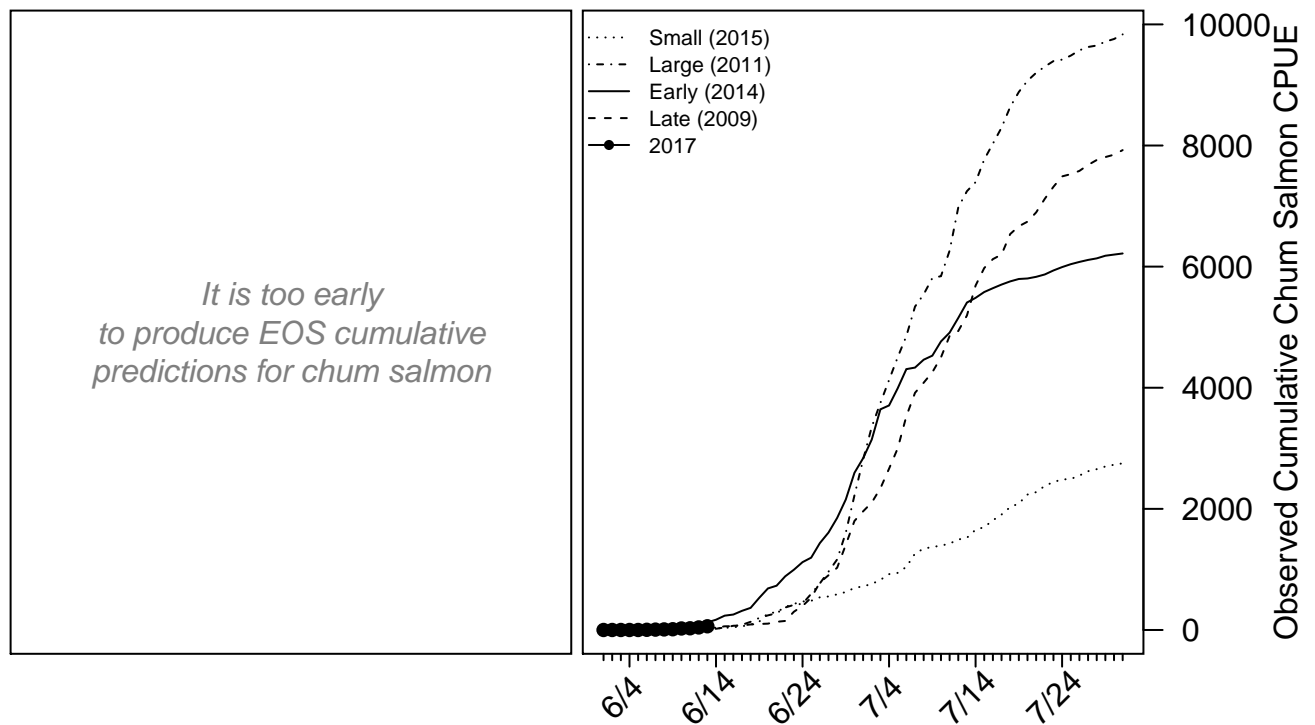


*For more detailed information, see the Chinook salmon appendix at the end of this document.*

## Chum Salmon (6/13)

- The BTF daily CPUE was **19**.
- The BTF cumulative CPUE is **61**.
- **89%** years since 2008 fell below this cumulative CPUE.
- **3%** of the run is complete based on historical average run timing.
- No run timing forecast is available for chum salmon.
- **2 - 5%** of the run is expected to pass in the next 5 days.
- Over the last 3 days, chum salmon made up **71%** of the BTF catches, compared to **34%** on average.

**Chum Figure 1.** *Left:* will show predicted cumulative EOS BTF CPUE according to various run timing scenarios when enough data have been collected. The dashed horizontal line shows the EOS value from 2016. *Right:* The cumulative BTF CPUE from 2017 plotted along with four years intended to represent a range of early/late and small/large index values.

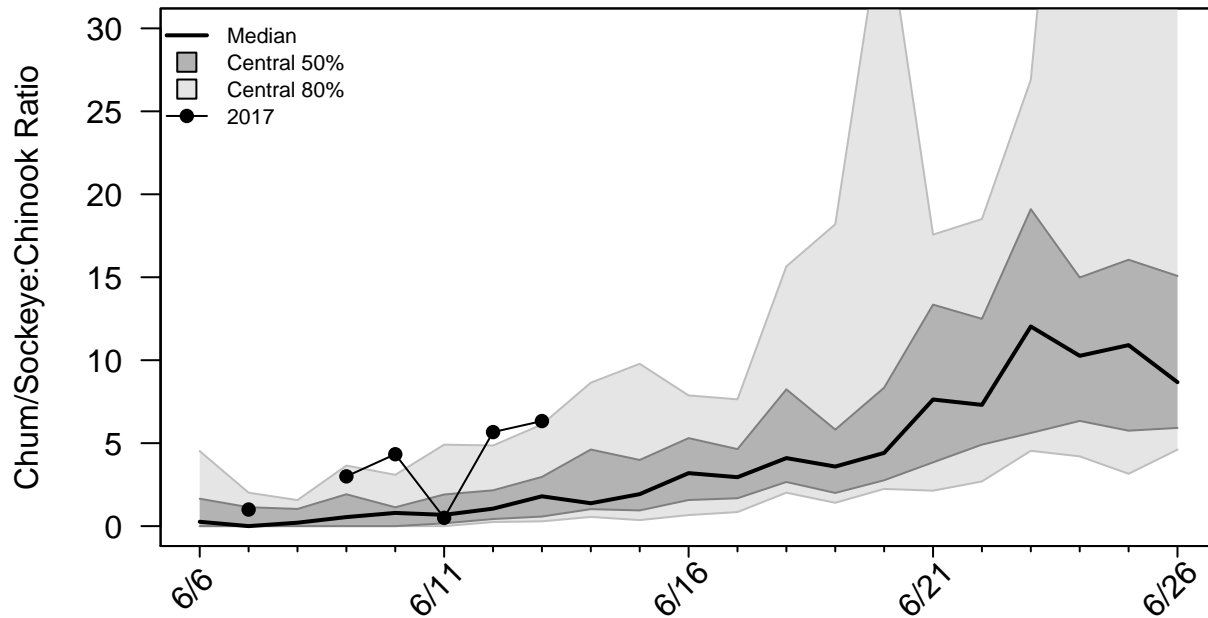


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## Chum/Sockeye:Chinook Salmon Ratio

This ratio is calculated by dividing the total number of chum and sockeye salmon counted by the number of Chinook salmon counted by a project. A value of zero indicates Chinook salmon were counted, but not chum or sockeye salmon. A missing value on a day the project operated indicates no Chinook salmon were counted.

**Ratio Figure 1.** Time series of the species ratio with historical quantiles shown as grey regions and the ratio time series for 2017 shown with points connected by lines.



**Ratio Table 1.** A subset of the species ratios displayed in **Ratio Figure 1**, including the ratios from the sonar project and ATF.

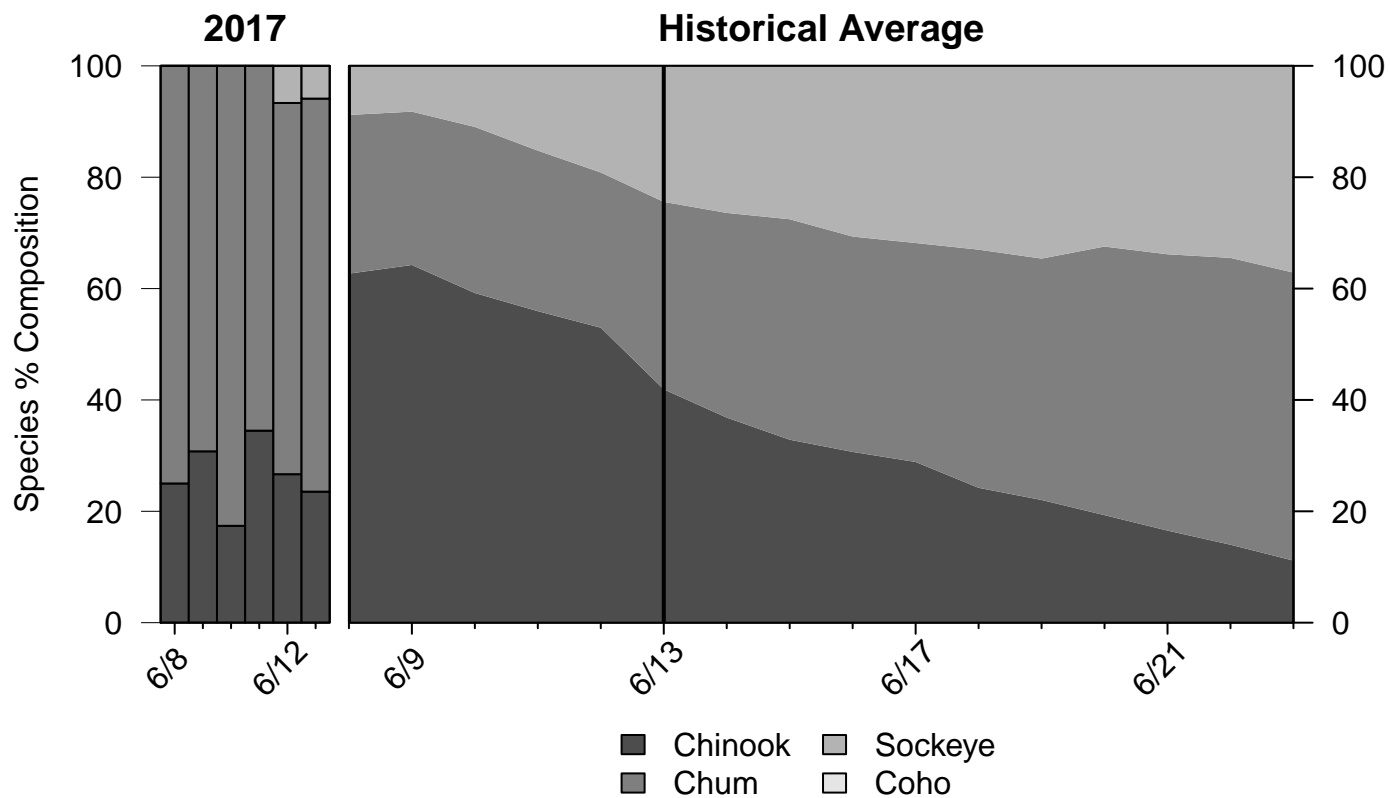
Date	2017 BTF	BTF Median	BTF Lower 10%	BTF Upper 10%	2017 Sonar	2017 ATF
6/10	4.33	0.8	0	3.09	0.79	0.25
6/11	0.5	0.68	0	4.91		1
6/12	5.67	1.05	0.25	4.86		0.54
6/13	<b>6.33</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>6.13</b>		<b>0.15</b>
6/14		1.38	0.55	8.65		
6/15		1.93	0.36	9.78		
6/16		3.19	0.67	7.88		

**Ratio Table 2.** The probability that a given species ratio will be exceeded by a certain day in the BTF (calculated based on all previous years: 1984 - 2016).

Date	Ratio > 1	Ratio > 3	Ratio > 5	Ratio > 10	Ratio > 20
6/10	0.73	0.36	0.12	0.03	0.03
6/11	0.79	0.45	0.18	0.03	0.03
6/12	0.82	0.45	0.24	0.03	0.03
6/13	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.03</b>
6/14	0.91	0.67	0.42	0.09	0.03
6/15	0.94	0.76	0.48	0.18	0.03
6/16	0.94	0.79	0.52	0.21	0.06

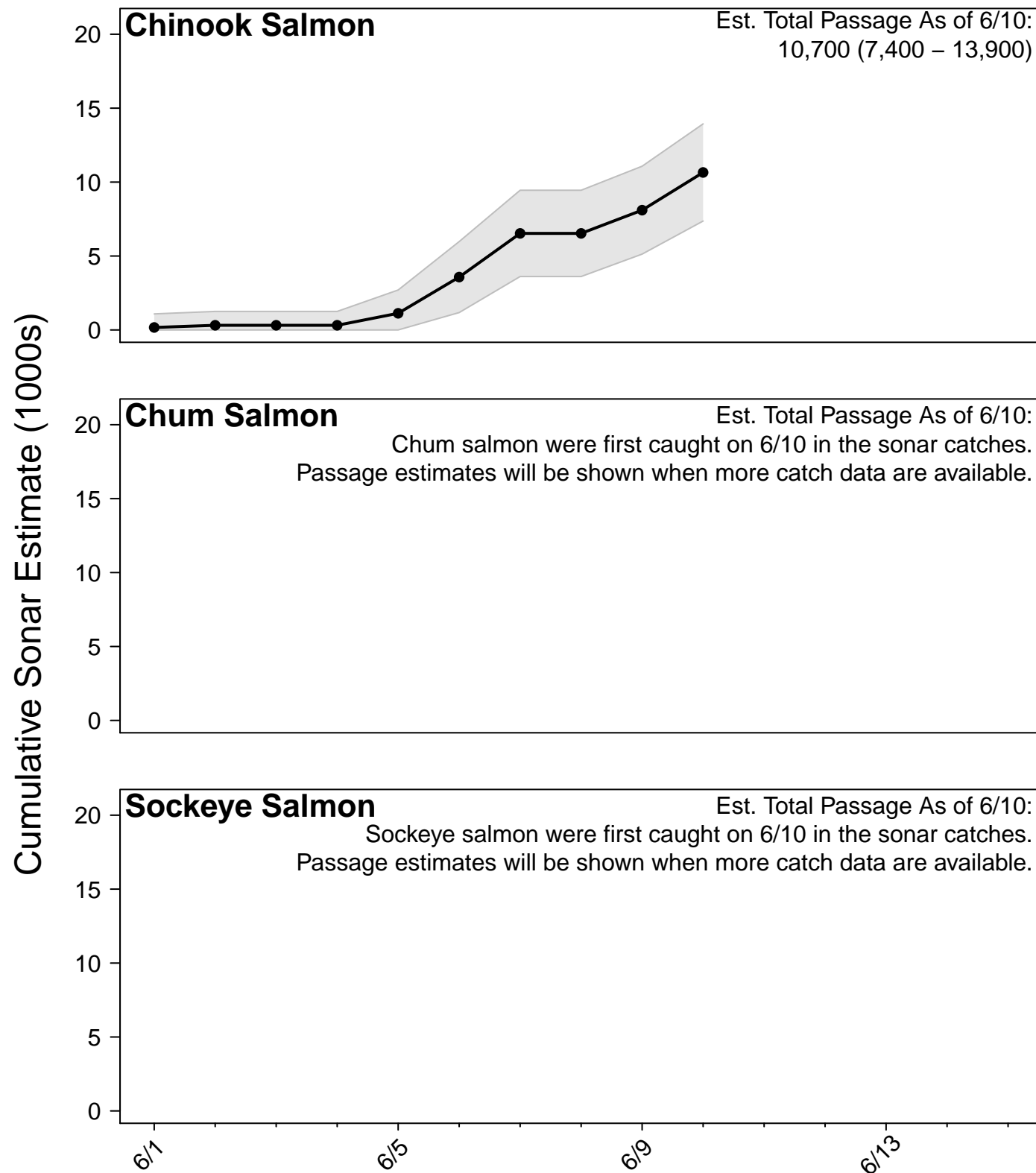
## Species Composition

**Species Composition Figure 1.** Species percent composition in the BTF from 2017 and based on historical average. The composition presented on each day represents the average composition over the past 3 days.



## Sonar

**Sonar Figure 1.** Cumulative estimates of salmon passage from the 2017 sonar operation through the last complete reporting day. Grey bands show the 95% confidence intervals on each complete reporting day. The sonar project began partial operations on June 1 and full operations on June 3.



# Chinook Salmon Appendix

**Chinook Salmon Table A1.** Cumulative CPUE from the BTF.

Date	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg.	2008 - 2016 Avg.
<b>6/10</b>	12	126	89	195	6	84	64
<b>6/11</b>	18	144	104	226	8	97	75
<b>6/12</b>	21	165	117	252	9	110	84
<b>6/13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>6/14</b>		196	144	313	31	138	109
<b>6/15</b>		218	164	338	35	153	129
<b>6/16</b>		230	192	346	48	168	153
<b>EOS</b>		681	625	650	261	527	556

**Chinook Salmon Table A2.** Cumulative CPUE from the ATF.

Date	2017	2016	2015
<b>6/10</b>	101	589	149
<b>6/11</b>	131	659	186
<b>6/12</b>	186	724	256
<b>6/13</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>6/14</b>		867	382
<b>6/15</b>		971	449
<b>6/16</b>		1,076	519
<b>EOS</b>		2,729	2,916

**Chinook Salmon Table A3.** Percent of run complete according to various historical run timing scenarios and the preliminary 2017 run timing forecast (with forecast uncertainty).

Timing	Historical Midpoint	Historical 6/13 Cumulative %	Forecasted Midpoint	Forecasted 6/13 Cumulative %
<b>Earliest</b>	6/15	40%	6/15	41%
<b>Early 10%</b>	6/18	28%	6/17	33%
<b>Early 25%</b>	6/21	22%	6/19	26%
<b>Median</b>	6/23	15%	6/21	19%
<b>Late 25%</b>	6/24	11%	6/23	13%
<b>Late 10%</b>	6/26	9%	6/25	9%
<b>Latest</b>	7/3	1%	6/27	6%

# Chum Salmon Appendix

**Chum Salmon Table A1.** Cumulative CPUE from the BTF.

Date	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	5-Yr Avg.	2008 - 2016 Avg.
<b>6/10</b>	25	19	18	60	0	21	17
<b>6/11</b>	28	22	18	76	0	25	20
<b>6/12</b>	42	22	21	105	0	31	25
<b>6/13</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>6/14</b>		36	26	169	4	52	41
<b>6/15</b>		44	35	236	14	71	61
<b>6/16</b>		52	45	255	37	83	78
<b>EOS</b>		4,001	2,945	6,343	5,708	5,178	6,508

**Chum Salmon Table A2.** Cumulative CPUE from the ATF.

Date	2017	2016	2015
<b>6/10</b>	31	19	25
<b>6/11</b>	61	19	40
<b>6/12</b>	91	27	40
<b>6/13</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>6/14</b>		49	66
<b>6/15</b>		72	66
<b>6/16</b>		80	81
<b>EOS</b>		5,304	5,669

**Chum Salmon Table A3.** Percent of run complete according to various historical run timing scenarios.

Timing	Midpoint	6/13 Cumulative %
<b>Earliest</b>	6/24	10%
<b>Early 10%</b>	7/1	5%
<b>Early 25%</b>	7/3	4%
<b>Median</b>	7/6	3%
<b>Late 25%</b>	7/7	1%
<b>Late 10%</b>	7/10	1%
<b>Latest</b>	7/12	1%